

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 957 - HB 1098

March 24, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that the Department of Children's Services (DCS) discharge or place a delinquent child, committed to the custody of DCS for an indefinite time, on home placement supervision after a maximum of six months in DCS custody. Authorizes DCS to continue custody as long as warranted by the child's response to evidence-based services and programs addressing a treatment need before discharge or making a home placement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-137(b), children that are alleged to have committed a new delinquent act or are alleged to be an escapee from a secure institution are exempt from the requirement put forth in the proposed legislation regarding discharge or home placement after an indefinite period of evidence-based services and programs.
- It is assumed that there will not be a significant number of children who are held in DCS custody past the current six-month limit.
- Therefore, DCS will be able to handle the provisions of the proposed legislation within existing resources and personnel, without any increase in state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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